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COUNTRY: CHINA
DOI: NOVEMBER 1971
SUBJECT: PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA DENIAL OF VISAS TO
AUSTRIAN JOURNALISTS

ACQ: 12 NOVEMBER 1971
SOURCE: A VIENNA NEWSPAPER EDITOR WHO HAS FURNISHED RELIABLE
INFORMATION IN THE PAST.

1. AS OF 12 NOVEMBER 1971, A GROUP OF SENIOR AUSTRIAN EDITORS REPRESENTING SEVERAL LEADING AUSTRIAN NEWSPAPERS WERE STILL BEING REFUSED VISAS TO VISIT THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA BECAUSE THEY WOULD NOT SIGN AN AGREEMENT THAT THEIR PUBLICATIONS WOULD IN FUTURE PRINT NOTHING SUPPORTING "TWO CHINA" THEORY AND WOULD HENCEFORTH REFUSE TO ACCEPT ADVERTISING ON BEHALF OF ANY TAIWAN FIRMS.

2. THE GROUP OF JOURNALISTS, WHICH INCLUDES EBERHARD STRAHO L, CHIEF EDITOR OF THE VIENNA "KURIER", DR. KARL HEINZ RITSCHEL, CHIEF EDITOR "SALZBURGER NACHRICHTEN", AND AN

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EDITOR OF THE VIENNA DAILY "DIE PRESSE" AS WELL AS TWO OTHER JOURNALISTS LEFT VIENNA ON 7 NOV AND VISITED JAPAN AND HONG KONG WITH THE EXPECTATION OF CONTINUING ON TO CANTON AND PEKING, RETURNING TO AUSTRIA VIA MOSCOW. BEFORE THE GROUP DEPARTED VIENNA, IT WAS ADVISED BY THE EMBASSY OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA IN VIENNA THAT VISAS COULD NOT BE ISSUED BECAUSE THE PUBLICATIONS HAD ALL IN THE PAST CARRIED ADVERTISING OF NATIONALIST CHINESE FIRMS. THE JOURNALIST GROUP DEPARTED NONETHELESS WITH THE EXPECTATION OF OBTAINING VISAS IN HONG KONG AFTER SUBMITTING A SHARP PROTEST TO THE PRC EMBASSY IN VIENNA POINTING OUT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN EDITORIAL AND ADVERTISING POLICY.

3. AT LEAST ONE VIENNA NEWSPAPER HAS FLATLY REJECTED ANY AGREEMENT PLACING LIMITATIONS UPON THE ACCEPTANCE OF ADVERTISING AND IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT ALL PUBLICATIONS CONCERNED HAVE TAKEN SAME LINE.

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